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EARTH PEOPLE - Simple..Isn't It?? (Undivided Vision 002)

The Earth People return with their second offering and have slimmed down to a more manageable size. This local free ensemble were founded by Andre Martinez (former Cecil Taylor cohort) who plays drums and Doug Principato who plays guitars and el. piano with M on (female) vocals, Jason Candler, Daniel Carter, Sabir Mateen & Karen Borca on reeds & horns, Mark Hennen on acoustic piano and Francois Grillot on contrabass. "Birthright" opens peacefully with delicate acoustic guitar, warm, pure vocals, drifting piano, somber groovin' drums, playful bassoon and other gently flowing horns. There is unified and free flowing vibe at the center of this and screaming horns are kept to a minimum, yet get busy and swirl at times. Unlike their live sets, which tend to explode a bit too much, there is an undercurrent flowing here, holding this together. Even the more chaotic moments seem to a subliminal connection. Recorded live in the studio and pretty well balanced. What makes this magical is not the continuous soloing, but the overall free flowing vibe which holds it together. The way the different players connect with each other on different levels. Great googely moogaly, it feels just right, the salve for a bad day! CD only release for \$14.

- Bruce Gallanter – Proprietor of Downtown Music Gallery